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SUBJECT:ILLICIT PAYMENT

1. CARTER ADMINISTRATION TODAY ANNOUNCED ITS POSITION ON BRIBERY OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS. IN TESTIMONY ON SENATOR PROXMIRE'S BILL ON FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES, TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL EXPRESSED NEW ADMINISTRATION'S STRONG BELIEF THAT, IN ADDITION TO CURRENT EFFORTS BASED PRIMARILY ON DISCLOSURE OF FOREIGN PAYMENTS, NEW LEGISLATION IS REQUIRED WHICH WOULD IMPOSE CRIMINAL PENALTIES ON U.S. NATIONALS WHO BRIBE FOREIGN OFFICIALS. ADMINISTRATION ALSO BELIEVES THAT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IS DESIRABLE AND NECESSARY AND INTENDS TO PRESS FOR MULTILATERAL TREATY ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. IT WILL EXPAND CURRENT U.S. PROPOSAL IN U.N. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO INCLUDE NEW NATIONAL CRIMINAL LAWS PROHIBITING BRIBERY OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS. USG BELIEVES THAT SUCH LEGISLATION CAN BE DRAFTED SO AS TO AVOID SERIOUS OBSTACLES TO ENFORCEMENT. AS PART OF A CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL EFFORT IT WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE DETERRENT TO BRIBERY IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS.

2. USG IS PREPARING A DRAFT TREATY FOR CONSIDERATION AT MARCH 28 MEETING OF ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN DRAFTING POSSIBLE TREATY LANGUAGE. WE HOPE CAPITALS WILL SEND EXPERTS TO MEETING FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSIES INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OF NEW U.S. POLICY AND USG DESIRE TO WORK WITH ALL COUNTRIES TO FORMULATE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS, AND INQUIRE WHETHER GOVERNMENTS INTEND TO SEND EXPERTS FOR DRAFTING AT MARCH 28 MEETING.

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4. COPY OF BLUMENTHAL TESTIMONY IS BEING POUCHED.

5. FOR ALGIERS, MEXICO AND TEHRAN: ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL.

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